

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 30, 2009

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SENATE BILL

No. 549

Introduced by Senator Correa

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 7401.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to barbering and cosmetology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 549, as amended, Correa. Barbering and cosmetology.

Under existing law, the Barbering and Cosmetology Act, the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology licenses and regulates persons engaged in the practice of barbering and cosmetology. Existing law also requires an establishment in which barbering and cosmetology is practiced to be licensed by the board.

This bill would require applicants for a license issued by the board, applicants for an establishment license, board licensees, and establishment licensees to report gender, language preference, and ethnicity information, as specified, in initial applications for licensure and at the time of license renewal. The bill would further require the board to compile and make this information available to the public upon request *quarterly and to post it on the board's Internet Web site*. The bill would declare the intent of the Legislature in this regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to collect
2 information on gender, language preference, and ethnicity of all
3 licensees of the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology,
4 including establishment licensees.

5 (b) Collecting data on the gender, language preference, and
6 ethnicity of establishment licensees and board licensees will help
7 ensure that appropriate health and safety information is effectively
8 provided to affected licensees.

9 SEC. 2. Section 7401.5 is added to the Business and Professions
10 Code, to read:

11 7401.5. (a) Any applicant for a license issued by the board
12 and a licensee of the board shall report to the board, in his or her
13 initial application for a license and at the time of license renewal,
14 and the board shall collect, information regarding the applicant's
15 and licensee's gender, language preference, and ethnicity.

16 (b) An applicant for an establishment license and an
17 establishment licensee shall report to the board, in his or her initial
18 application for a license and at the time of license renewal, and
19 the board shall collect, information regarding the applicant's and
20 licensee's gender, language preference, and ethnicity.

21 (c) The information collected by the board pursuant to this
22 section shall be compiled ~~and made available to the public upon~~
23 ~~request.~~ *quarterly and posted on the board's Internet Web site.*